

Board Tree Tunnel
Littleton Vicinity
Marshall County
West Virginia

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Date: 1851-58

Location: Littleton Vicinity, Marshall County, West Virginia.

Owner: Baltimore & Ohio Railroad

Significance: The Board Tree Tunnel is one of the first major railroad tunnels in the United States. The tunnel along with the original B & O line from Baltimore to Wheeling is a tribute to three important 19th century engineers; Benjamin Latrobe, Wendell Bollman, and Albert Fink. Of note is iron arching found in the tunnel. No date is given for its placement, but another tunnel on the same line (Kingwood Tunnel, HAER WV-16) used the same type of prefabricated segmental iron arch in its construction during 1849-57.

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